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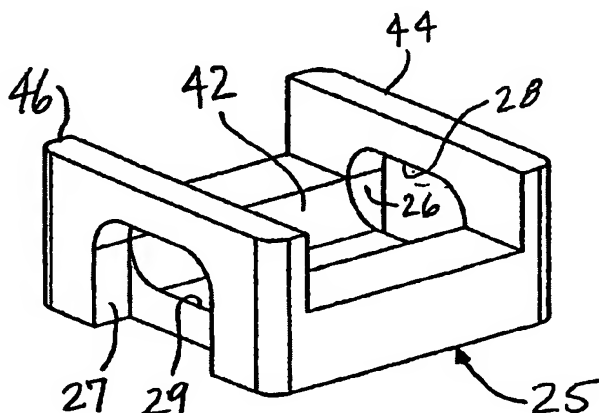
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are formed by creating an absence of powder  
metal in a die set during compaction at an in-  
terface between a side surface of a punch and  
another side surface of the die set that faces  
the side surface of the punch in substantially  
close proximity to create the absence of pow-  
der metal at the interface.

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